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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR

SUBJECT: SPACE FRAGMENT FOUND IN OHIO

1. AN OBJECT FROM SPACE RE-ENTERED EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1974 AND IMPACTED NEAR LOWELL, OHIO, USA. ARTICLE 5(1) OF 1968 ASTRONAUT AGREEMENT REQUIRES USG TO INFORM UN SECRETARY GENERAL AND AUTHORITIES OF LAUNCHING STATE, IF KNOWN, OF RETURN TO EARTH OF SPACE OBJECTS. AFTER CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE SPACE OBJECT, WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS PART OF AN OBJECT LAUNCHED INTO SPACE BY THE SOVIET UNION.

2. MISSION IS THEREFORE REQUESTED NOTIFY SYG INFORMALLY OF IMPACT IN US OF THIS SPACE OBJECT USING TEXT CONTAINED PARA 3 AS OPERATIVE SECTION OF NOTIFICATION.

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3. QUOTE, AN OBJECT FROM SPACE RE-ENTERED THE ATMOSPHERE
AND IMPACTED NEAR LOWELL, OHIO, UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 7, 1974. THE OBJECT IS A HOLLOW METAL SPHERE
OF APPROXIMATELY 11 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND 22 POUNDS IN
WEIGHT. THE OBJECT HAS BEEN RECOVERED AND IS IN THE
CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPEAT NO REPORTS OF DAMAGE
COINCIDENT WITH THE IMPACT OF THIS OBJECT. EXAMINATION
OF THE OBJECT INDICATES SOVIET ORIGIN. USG IS IN THE

PROCESS OF CONTACTING SOVIET UNION TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY
TO CONFIRM IDENTIFICATION OF OBJECT, AND SUBSEQUENTLY,
IF DESIRED, ARRANGE FOR ITS RETURN, UNQUOTE.

4. FYI. THE SPACE OBJECT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A
PRESSURE BOTTLE FROM COSMOS 654, BASED ON TRACKING DATA
SUPPLIED BY THE SPACE DEFENSE CENTER, NORAD, ENT AIR
FORCE BASE, COLORADO. ALTHOUGH IT CONTAINS NO EXTERNAL
MARKINGS, AIR FORCE LABORATORY EXAMINATION CONFIRMS
SOVIET ORIGIN. DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING NOTE TO INFORM
SOVIET EMBASSY, IN COMPLIANCE WITH 1968 ASTRONAUT AGREE-
MENT. END FYI. KISSINGER

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